Homestay Program Support Our Kids Reunion ~HABATAKI~ Report



Dec.2012
Support Our Kids committee



1. Outline

DATE : 22 Dec 2012 (Sat) 10:00~16:45

VENUE: SHICHIGAHAMA KOKUSAIMURA (Miyagi)

Objective:

1. To support the independence of the children who participated in the homestay continuously

To make a place for the output of the children who participated in the homestay

To make a foundation that supports the Tohoku and Japan by being strengthen solidarity and ties among the children (The organization of the children, by the children, for the children)

4.To deepen the mutual understanding by making contact with children and supporters

5.To build a further cooperative framework by mutual understanding between support groups

CONTENTS: Report Presentation of children

Panel discussion

Description of the activities of each organization

Christmas Party

HOST : Support Our Kids Committee

CO-ORGANIZATIONS:

Hope for Youth (Embassy of Canada, Samantha Thavasa Japan Limited)

3.11Juku, Team Fight Japan

PARTICIPANTS: Homestay participants and their parents and friends (The affected children)

: Teachers who write a letter of recommendation **XInvitation**

The United States homestay participants

Guest:

Support Embassy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Shigeaki Saegusa (Composer, 3.11Juku chairman)

Mitsuo Tsukahara (London Japanese Olympic delegation General director)

Junko Akisawa (TBS announcer)

Takumi Kuriyama (Seibu Lions baseball player)

Hidekazu Hoshi (Seibu Lions baseball player)

Shinji Harada (Musicians, Charity party and the auction supporter)

COOPERATION:

Alpine Tour Service Co., Ltd. / Bourbon Corporation Japan / Iharasuisan

ITO EN, Ltd. / Kodomono tameno Shiba-Kikin / Kyoritsu Printing Group

Labo International Exchange Foundation / PLAIN corporation /

Save the Children JAPAN / SHICHIGAHAMA KOKUSAIMURA / tbc-sendai / TBS / TOKYO FM

SUPPORT:

Australian Embassy, Embassy of Belgium, British Embassy,

Embassy of Canada, Embassy of Ireland, New Zealand Embassy,

Embassy of the Unites States



2. Program 1













3. Program 2 ~presentation~



4. Program 3 ~ presentation ~



Elementary school students in Ishinomaki also participated.

5. Presentation

■S.I (Miyagi)

I am back home now, the life here is still the same as before homestay program. However, my life, vision and perspective have changed dramatically. "I shouldn't give up on my dream, I shouldn't stay in Japan, it is a big world out there, and I should find out and let it lead to the future. And appreciate all the people who have supported. Be thankful and be the one who can give support." That is how I am feeling right now. I couldn't be like this without everyone who made homestay program happen. I can truly say that I have never thanked this much in the past.. This program has changed my life and I could really feel everyones support off from heart. I have made decision to become the "Bridge" for Japan and other countries. Thank you again.

■A.N (Fukushima)

Host family and I were thanking each other for the support given to each other at the time of crisis. When host family said "Thanks for all the support at christchurch earthquake, Kia kaha" I was so close to burst in tears. No matter where you are from, what language you speak, feeling of people are the same and we all live together lean on each other in many ways.

The reason I could take a step forward with refreshed feeling is all because of the support given by all the stakeholder. I have experienced so many things that I cannot put it together in 1 letter. I will never forget that we are all together and helping each other. I want to tell as many people about what I experienced in New Zealand. Thank you so very much. The 2 weeks has become my power for life.

■M.A (Miyagi)

I felt the warm heart of people through homestay program. The host family treated me like a real family and I couldn't thank enough for this and I want to do the same to people.

In New Zealand I did not feel there were border line. At school, no matter where you are from everyone shared a good time together. I felt that it was very different compared to Japan. I want to do the same here in Japan and be more international minded as well as finding out who we are as Japanese.

Through the program I have decided I want to work in international environment and take opportunities to contribute to society. When I start working I want to donate and provide same opportunity I got to many other kids in Japan and Miyagi.

I will strive hard to make this happen and will not let down all the supporters for this program. I will make sure I become the supporter. Thanks you again and we will restore Tohoku!

6. Christmas party

♦Win great prizes! Raffle gift







◆Special Live by Shinji Harada







◆Reception party of the homestay participants and parents and supporter







7. Various support

-Thank you for lots of support.-









Honey Candle making The product is sold at 300 yen. Sales have been donated to the next homestay.



























Video message of Ambassadors

8. Media

◆23ed Dec News paper: YOMIURI SHINBUN

◆23ed Dec TV: TBS 「MinoMonta no Asa Zuba!」

◆23ed Dec TV: TBC News

◆26~29 Dec Radio: FM am6:30~am6:40

Program: KURONOSU

★Iwate: FM IWATE、Miyagi: Date-FM、

Fukushima: FUKUSHIMA FM, Tokyo: TOKYO FM

◆31 Dec Radio: FM pm10:00~pm11:00

Program: LOVE&HOPE~Support Our Kids special~





